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SUBJECT: ROC ANALYSIS OF 10TH PARTY CONGRESS

1. LIKE MANY ANALYSTS ELSEWHERE, ROC MEDIA INTERPRETED CONTROVERSY ON PRC UNIVERSITY ADMISSIONS, INCENTIVES POLICY, ET AL AS PRE-10TH PARTY CONGRESS MANEUVERING BETWEEN PRO- AND ANTI-CHOU EN-LAI FORCES. UNLIKE MOST ANALYSTS ELSEWHERE, HOWEVER, ROC PUNDITS DO NOT CONCLUDE THAT EFFECT OF THE CONGRESS HAS BEEN TO STRENGTHEN CHOU'S POSITION. INDEED, ROC MEDIA ARE NOW PLAYING THE THEME THAT THE "PALACE CLIQUE" (HEADED BY CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN-YUAN) ARE IN CONTROL AND CHOU IS IN DEEP TROUBLE.

2. IN THIS VEIN, ALL MAJOR TAIPEI NEWSPAPERS SEPT 1 PUBLISHED ARTICLE BY ANONYMOUS "AUTHORITATIVE EXPERT" ON PRC AFFAIRS WHICH MADE FOLLOWING POINTS:

A. DECISION TO HAVE FIVE DEPUTY CHAIRMEN, RATHER THAN APPOINT CHOU AS SOLE DEPUTY, UNDOUBTEDLY MADE BY MAO AND MUST BE SEEN AS DIRECT SLAP AT CHOU'S PRESTIGE. FURTHER, FACT THAT THREE OF THE DEPUTIES (AKNG SHENG, WANG HUNG-WEN, LI LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TE-SHENG) ARE IDENTIFIED WITH "PALACE CLIQUE" IS CLEAR EXPRESSION OF

WHERE POWER RESIDES.

B. MEMBERSHIP OF STANDING COMMITTEE IS SIMILARLY WEIGHTED AGAINST CHOU SINCE CHANG CHUNG-CHIAO MUST BE COUNTED AS CHIANG-YAO ADHERENT. IN FULL POLITBURO, CHIANG CHING HAS NINE FOLLOWERS (WANG HUNG-WEN, HUA KUO-FENG, CHI TENG-KUEI, WU TE, WANG TUNG-HSING, LI TE-SHENG, CHANG CHUN-CHIAO, YAO WEN-YUAN AND KANG SHENG), WHILE CHOU HAS ONLY THREE (YEH CHIEN-YING, HSU SHIH-YU AND LI HSIEN-NIEN).

C. THAT CHIANG CHING AND YAO WEN-YUAN WERE NOT ELECTED MEMBERS OF STANDING COMMITTEE SHOWS THEIR CLVEVERNESS: BY STRENGTH OF REPRESENTATION OF THEIR ADHERENTS THEY WILL BE ABLE TO CONTROL MATTERS WHILE NOT APPEARING THEMSELVES TO BE AT STAGE CENTER. CHOU, BY CONTRAST, WILL BE UNDER THE GUN.

D. ALL THESE ARRANGEMENTS COULD NOT HAVE WORKED WITHOUT BLESSING AND INTERVENTION OF MAO HIMSELF. MAO SEES CHOU AS PLAYING KHRUSHCHEV TO HIS STALIN AND IS ALREADY PLANNING CHOU'S FALL.

3. COMMENT: THIS "AUTHORITATIVE" OC ANALYSIS, AS WELL AS THE PRESS ORIGINATED COMMENT WHICH PRECEDED IT, STRIKES A NUMBER OF PROPAGANDA THEMES IMPORTANT TO THE GRC: (1) IT IS A MISTAKE (FOR THE US, AS FOR PEOPLE ON TAIWAN) TO PUT FAITH IN CHOU EN-LAI-- OR PRAGMATISTS GENERALL--TO KEEP PRC AFFAIRS MOVING IN MODERATE DIRECTIONS; THE INSTABILITIES OF THE SYSTEM INSURE THEY WILL FALL, AND MORE LIKELY FALL SOONER RATHER THAN LATER.

(2) MEANINGFUL DETENTE CANNOT BE SOUGHT WITH A STATE SO UNSTABLE; THE PROMINENCE OF RADICALS LIKE CHIANG CHNG AND YAO WEN-YUAN ENSURES THAT THESE POLICIES ARE BOUND TO BE REVERSED. (3) THE POLITICAL PROMINENCE OF A WOMAN, CHIANG CHING, INDICATES THAT THE CHINESE COMMUNIST STATE IS ALREADY ENTERING A PERIOD OF DECADENCE SINCE, HISTORICALLY, THE ELEVATION OF WOMEN TO POSITIONS OF PROMINENCE HAS BEEN ONE OF THE SIGNS OF A DYNASTY ABOUT TO FALL.
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